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FOR EA/ROC - LEVIN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, CVIS, (CHEN YU-HSI)
SUBJECT: CHEN YU-HSI)

REFS: (A) TAIPEI 5465; (B) STATE 206394

1. DCM SOUNDED OUT FRED CHIEN, VICEMIN MOFA, ON GROC ATTITUDE REGARDING MATSUNAGA DESIRE MAKE EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHEN'S IMPENDING DEPARTURE TAIWAN. CHIEN'S REACTION SHARPLY NEGATIVE. HE SEES NO NEED FOR ANY ANNOUNCEMENT WHATSOEVER. IN HIS VIEW, FACT OF CHEN'S ARRIVAL IN HAWAII WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TESTIMONY IN AND OF ITSELF OF EFFECTIVENESS OF MATSUNAGA'S INTERCESSION ON CHEN'S BEHALF. FURTHERMORE, CHIEN STATED BLUNTLY THAT ANY ANNOUNCEMENT PRIOR TO CHEN'S DEPARTURE WHICH SUGGESTED THAT GROC INFLUENCED BY OUTSIDE INTERCESSION OR PRESSURE "WOULD JEOPARDIZE CHEN'S DEPARTURE". CHIEN SAID HE THOUGHT MATSUNAGA UNDERSTOOD GROC'S POSITION ON THIS QUESTION, BUT ASKED THAT WE SO INFORM HIM.

2. IN VIEW CHIEN'S STRONGLY NEGATIVE REACTION, WE RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT URGE MATSUNAGA TO FOREGO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AT THIS TIME. POSSIBILITY OF LEAK AT THIS END IS MINIMAL UNLESS CHEN HIMSELF SPREADS THE WORD.

3. SHOULD DEPARTMENT BE UNABLE TO RESTRAIN MATSUNAGA, WE HOPE HE COULD BE PREVAILED UPON TO AT LEAST AVOID ANY MENTION PRESSURES BROUGHT TO BEAR ON GROC; IN FACT WE WOULD HOPE SUCH MENTION COULD BE AVOIDED WHENEVER MATSUNAGA MAKES ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT. ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD HOPE THAT

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DEPARTMENT WOULD ARRANGE TO GET WORD TO CONGRESSWOMAN MINK

AND EAST-WEST CENTER AS NEARLY SIMULTANEOUSLY AS POSSIBLE WITH
MATSUNAGA ANNOUNCEMENT.

4. FYI: WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING FROM CHEN SINCE MATSUNAGA
LETTER PASSED TO HIM. PRESUMABLY HIS PROCESSING IS PROCEEDING
NORMALLY. UNGER

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